

Introduction to TDI Modules

These modules are intended for those students who are going to be VSA's for a product evaluated under the TDI. They describe the TDI and its role in evaluations of databases and other trusted applications. The TDI is an interpretation of the TCSEC and builds upon the trusted concepts presented in the TCSEC. Similarly, these modules build upon the ideas presented in the TCSEC modules.

The TDI modules assume a basic knowledge of trusted computer concepts. Therefore, the student should have a firm grasp of the material presented in the TCSEC modules before beginning these modules. Additionally the student is expected to be familiar with basic database concepts, terms, models and architectures.

The TDI modules are divided among the following topics:

1. Database Management System Evaluation
2. Database Management System Policies and Requirements
3. Database Management System Architectures
4. Database Security Issues

As mentioned in the student instructions at the beginning of the RAMP Non-Resident Course package, students should first read the TDI before beginning with the modules listed above.